GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4719
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HIGHER RATES IN KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DGS&D has entered into rate contract with manufactures in respect of many of the stationery and other office automation equipments and those very items are being sold in the Kendriya Bhandar at much higher rates;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to direct the Government offices to buy items which are on rate contract with DGS&D from the manufacturers only;

(c) the details of the items that come under the category of `other items` and whether the CAG has commented adversely on the Government Order authorising these agencies to make supplies to the Government Departments; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Where DGS&Dhas entered into a rate contract, Kendriya Bhandar insists on the suppliers on matching the same price. Where there is no DGS&D rate contract, Kendriya Bhandar makes efforts to get most competitive price by:

(i) Buying directly from the manufacturers wherever possible.

(ii) Calling for quotations from the registered suppliers.

(iii) obtaining a price guarantee undertaking not to sell at a lower price from the supplier.

(b): No such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Personnel and Training.

(c)&(d):The `other items` are not specified/defined.

CAG in its Report No.8 of 1999 Union Government (Defence Services-AirForce and Navy) has inter-alia observed that Government should investigate the reasons for higher rates by NCCF andreview the existing instructions. While NCCFis examining the issue of higher rates, the Department of Personnel & Traininhg has initiated review of its existing instructions.